Allotment of coal blocks to Jharkhand

†1027. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request has been received from Government of Jharkhand for allotment of coal blocks;

(b) whether Government of Jharkhand have apprised the Central Government about their priorities regarding coal blocks; and

(c) if so, the decision taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The following coal blocks have already been allocated to the companies/organisations under the control of Government of Jharkhand:

1. Jharkhand State Mineral Development Corporation	1. Rauta 2. Sugia 3. Burakhap 4. Latehar 5. Pindra Debipur
2. (i) Tenughat Vidyut Nigam Ltd.	1. Badam 2. Rajbar E & D
(ii) Tenughat Vidyut Nigam Ltd. (Jointly with Damodar Valley Corporation)	3. Gondulpara
3. Jharkhand State Electricity Board	1. Banhardih

Tribal land taken for coal mining

1028. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the tribals that have been dispossessed of their household and agricultural land due to the coal and other mining projects in Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Orissa;

(b) the rehabilitation package offered to them for the last ten years;

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(c) the manner in which the package would be implemented, the number of such tribals who originally own the land and have not been given relief and rehabilitation even till date, State-wise and year-wise; and

(d) whether the coal companies give land, cash compensation and also ensure one job for the families whose land has been taken away?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

CIL joint venture with GAIL

1029. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Coal India Ltd. has been planning to have a joint venture with GAIL;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the type of joint venture that is being planned, the share capital of both the companies;

(d) the objectives of the Project;

(e) where the Project would be located; and

(f) the details alongwith the quantum of funds to be invested?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) Yes. Coal India Limited (CIL) is planning to have joint venture with GAIL for surface coal gasification. M/s GAIL has made a presentation of the report to CIL. The main product of gasification will be syn gas which can be used for manufacture of ammonia. The only by product will be Sulphur which can further be used for manufacture of Sulphuric acid. However, in view of low sulphur content of coal, the quality of the by-product will be low.

(c) The discussion are in preliminary stage.

(d) The main objective of the project is to produce syn gas and its by product as chemical feedstock through Surface Coal Gasification.

(e) and (f) The proposed possible location of the Plant is Orissa and the total investment will be around Rs. 2400 crores.